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09/095,390

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**FERNANDEZ, et al.**

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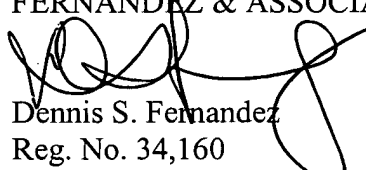
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Dear Sirs:

Applicant respectfully requests status information for the above-referenced non-provisional patent application filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date indicated above. Applicant filed an Appeal Brief on **May 9, 2000** and has not yet received any communication pertaining to this Appeal since its filing.

If an expedited response to this status inquiry is possible, the undersigned attorney for Applicant can be reached by phone at (650) 325-4999 or via facsimile at (650) 325-1203.

Sincerely yours,  
FERNANDEZ & ASSOCIATES, LLP

  
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Enclosed: Copy of Express mail dated May 9, 2000; Copy of Transmittal of Appeal Brief.

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In re application of: Fernandez et al.

Application No.: 09/095,390

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**TRANSMITTAL OF APPEAL BRIEF  
(PATENT APPLICATION - 37 C.F.R. § 1.192)**

1. Transmitted herewith, in triplicate, is the APPEAL BRIEF in this application, with respect to the Notice of Appeal filed on March 9, 2000.
2. STATUS OF APPLICANT

This application is on behalf of

☐ other than a small entity

☒ small entity

A statement:

☐ is attached.

☒ was already filed.

3. FEE FOR FILING APPEAL BRIEF

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (c), the fee for filing the Appeal Brief is:

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\$150.00



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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (d), the fee for request for Oral Hearing is:

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Appeal Brief fee due \$ 280.00

4. EXTENSION OF TERM

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136 apply.

(a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a) (1)-(5)) for the total number of months checked below:

	<u>Extension (months)</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>	<u>Fee for small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$380.00	\$190.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$870.00	\$435.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$1,360.00	\$680.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	five months	\$1,850.00	\$925.00

Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this petition thereof.

☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefore of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension is now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

or

(b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this



conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

5. TOTAL FEE DUE

The total fee due is:

Appeal Brief Fee \$ 280.00

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6. FEE PAYMENT

☒ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ 280.00. However, in case Applicant inadvertently miscalculated any required fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the necessary additional amount associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 500482**. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

☐ Charge Account No. 500482 the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

7. FEE DEFICIENCY


☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, this is a request therefore and to charge Account No. 500482.

AND/OR

☐ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Respectfully submitted,

5/9/00  
Date

  
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